



OPTICIANS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: May I use my license from another state to practice in Virginia?

A: No. No person shall practice or offer to practice as an optician in Virginia unless he holds a license issued by the Virginia Board for Optician (§54.1-704)

2. Q: My renewal payment was 1 day late can the reinstatement fee be waived?

A: No. The date of receipt by the board or its agent is the date which will be used to determine whether or not it is on time. Any licensee who fails to renew within 30 days after the **expiration date on the license** shall be required to pay the late renewal fee. (18 VAC 100-20-70)

3. Q: May I apply for a temporary license?

A: No. The board office does not issue temporary licensure.

4. Q: I need a letter of certification fast; if I come in with my certification fee may I wait for it to be processed?

A: No. Although staff makes every effort to get letters of certification out in five business days, officially, our turnaround time is 30 days. Certifications are done in the order they are received.

5. Q: How do I obtain licensure in another state?

A: Contact the state or jurisdiction you wish to become licensed in.

6. Q: May I obtain licensure through reciprocity?

A: Yes. An optician licensed in another state seeking licensure in Virginia shall submit an application on a form provided by the board with the required fee. The applicant shall have met the requirements set forth in regulations and passed a substantially equivalent examination. (18 VAC 100-20-50)